

Our Town

Town of Burgaw Weekly Newsletter | September 20-24, 2021



Town Calendar

September 25 | 6:30 PM
Murder Mystery Dinner

October 7 | 8:30 AM
Tourism Development
Authority Meeting

October 12 | 4:30 PM
Board of Commissioners
Meeting

October 15 | 11 AM-1 PM
Shred & E-Recycling Event

October 15 | 6:00 PM
Family Art Night

October 21 | 5:30 PM
Planning & Zoning Board
Meeting

October 23 | 2 PM-4 PM
Halloween in the Park

October 28 | 6:00 PM
Autumn on the Square

Stay In Touch!



A message from the Mayor

As year end rapidly approaches, I would like to thank Burgaw Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department and Pender County Parks and Recreation Department, as well as many others, for their contributions in organizing and managing the many summer events, such as the "Summer on the Square" series of concerts along with the planned "Murder Mystery Dinner" (sold out) Saturday evening, September 25th at 6:00 pm to be held at the Historic Train Depot.



Rounding out the season will be "Halloween in the Park" Saturday, October 23rd, Rotary Park; "Autumn on the Square" featuring the "British Invaders", October 28th at 6 pm; the "Christmas Tree Lighting" on November 26th at 6 pm; the Christmas Parade, Saturday, December 11th, 5:30 pm; "Christmas on the Square" with vendors, December 4th from 10 am to 4 pm; and winding up the year with the annual "Blueberry Drop" starting at 5 pm on December 31st, Fremont Street at the blueberry, featuring the band, "Trial by Fire". (Covid protocols will apply at all events.)



These activities make us all proud and happy to call Burgaw and Pender County home and the ideal place to live, work, play and raise our families. Thanks to all of you.

-Mayor Pete Cowan



Join us for a fun fall concert scheduled for October 28

Join the Town of Burgaw and Pender County Parks & Recreation for the first ever Autumn on the Square featuring the British Invaders Band. This concert is free to the public and will feature some of your favorite food trucks. The concert will begin at 6:00 PM on Thursday, October 28th. The concert will be held at the Historic Train Depot in the event of rain.

FALL FAMILY FUN!
Fall Family Fun!

Important information from the Burgaw Police Department

The Burgaw Police Department has been made aware of a few "Financial Scams" that are soliciting information from our citizens. Financial Exploitation can come in many forms. Please be aware of some of the most used scams:

- Lottery or Sweepstakes - "You have won money, just send us processing fees to collect your winnings." If it sounds too good to be true, it most likely is. Don't send any money.
- Grandparent Scam - "Your grandson/daughter has been arrested, send money to bail them out." Verify with other family members and law enforcement if an arrest has been made. Bail cannot be posted over the phone or utilizing gift/money cards.
- Missed jury duty - "You have failed to report for jury duty, and you must pay the fine or be arrested." Contact the Clerk of Court to verify jury duty obligation. The courts will not ask for fees to be paid for jury duty violations.
- House repair/Traveling repair - "We have left over materials from another job and are willing to pave your drive or replace your roof cheap." Be aware of poor workmanship and don't give payment/money prior to work being completed and inspected.
- Bank Fraud - "I am from your bank/financial institution, and we need to verify information." Financial Institutions will not call and attempt to get personal information over the phone.
- IRS Scam - "Someone has used your Social Security number to file their taxes, we need to verify who you are." The IRS/NC Department of Revenue will not call and verify your information. They will contact citizens by mail with a request for you to contact a local office.
- Confirmation to Debit Account - "We are confirming with you to debit your account. Contact our telephone number below to authorize." If you did not make the purchase documented, contact your financial institution by the appropriate numbers, not the one on the scam letter.

These are just a few examples of Financial Exploitation. Keep these tips in mind; Never give out personal or financial information over the phone, online, or to strangers. If you receive phone calls about financial questions, don't give out information and just hang up. Call and report scams or suspicious inquiries to your local law enforcement. We monitor and investigate the types of scams and notify the appropriate state and federal authorities as well.



HALLOWEEN IN THE PARK

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 23, 2021**

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 910-300-6401

2:00-4:00 PM

WEAR YOUR BEST COSTUME!

Free to the Public

GAMES • INFLATABLES • CANDY

BURGAU ROTARY PARK
102 INDUSTRIAL DR. BURGAU NC.

BURGAU NC
Good Town Year Round



WELCOME

Join us as we welcome
our newest employee!

ZACHARY RHODES
**Streets & Landscape
Maintenance Worker**
**Burgaw Public Works
Department**



Have you seen new fall decorations around town? Thanks to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board for sprucing up the downtown area for fall!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The following **public hearings** will be held on **Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 5:30 PM** (or thereabout) during the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting at the Historic Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street in Burgaw, NC. ***All interested parties are invited to attend; written and oral comments are welcome.***

Public Hearing #1. Consideration of a Major Special Use Permit for a Bed and Breakfast Inn and an Event Venue with Outdoor Use in the B-1 (Central Business District) to be located in the former Black's Hotel at 214 S. Dickerson Street. The property is further identified as tax reference number 3229-32-1278-0000.

Public Hearing #2. Consideration of a text amendment to the 2030 Land Use Plan and a map amendment to the 2030 Future Land Use Map.

Public Hearing #3. Consideration of an amendment to the official Town of Burgaw Zoning Map to rezone two tracts of land totaling +/- 16 acres located along Front Street on the west side of the street below Progress Drive Extension from RA (Residential Agricultural) to I-1 (Light Industrial). The properties are further identified as tax reference numbers 3228-47-1434-0000 and a portion of 3228-37-0868-0000.

Public Hearing #4. Consideration of a text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance requested by staff, to amend Section 8.13 to allow the height in the I-1 (Light Industrial) and I-2 (Heavy Industrial) to increase to 55 feet, Section 8.14 to add Cold Storage Warehousing in I-1 (Light Industrial), and Section 8.15 Use Standards adding additional submittal and review standards for Industrial (I-1 and I-2). Consideration of a text amendment of the Unified Development Ordinance requested by Town staff to add Appendix C – Town of Burgaw Technical Specifications to include Standard Details for Sewer, Water, Streets including sidewalks and Storm Sewers. Consideration of text amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance requested by staff to amend Section 10.20 Water and Sewerage System (A) adding the word Gravity in two places and (C) amending the water supply line size internal to subdivisions shall be six (6) inches in diameter. Amending Section 10.21 Streets (L) Pavement to enable widths of streets with and without curb and gutter to match the Appendix C detail.

Registration now open for our next Family Art Night in October

Make sure to join us on October 15th for our fall themed Family Art Night. The event will take place at the Burgaw Train Depot from 6:00pm to 8:00pm featuring local artist Eden Mills. Limited tickets will be available for this event so make sure to register before it is too late. Tickets are \$15 each and includes all art materials for the evening. Participants can register by visiting burgawnc.gov/art.



SEPTEMBER IS PEAK HURRICANE SEASON: PREPARE NOW!



NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month and the Town of Burgaw urges everyone to take time to create a plan for your home or business before disaster strikes. We encourage everyone to plan ahead to ensure that your loved ones and our community can recover from an emergency should one occur. For helpful information and checklists, please visit www.ready.gov. During the month of September, we urge you to take note of the weekly tips provided during the campaign.

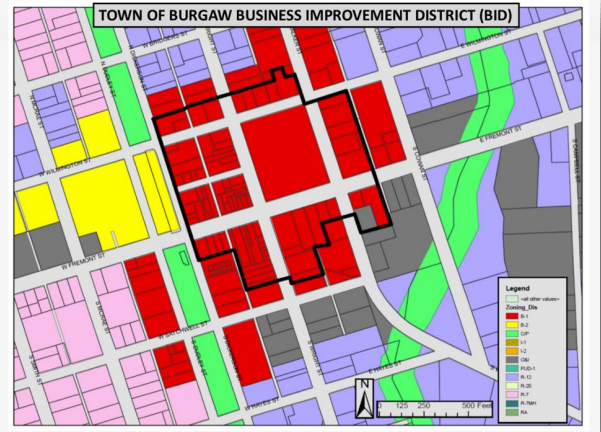
Week 4 September 19-25: Teach Youth About Preparedness

Talk to your kids about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case you are separated. Reassure them by providing information about how they can get involved.

Does your downtown business need a facelift?

Applications are now being accepted for the Downtown Business Improvement District Façade Grant Program

In the FY 2021-2022 budget, the Town of Burgaw Board of Commissioners included \$8,000 for the Downtown Business Improvement District Façade Grant Program. The grant program gives property owners in the downtown district an opportunity to improve the façades of their buildings, providing up to \$1,500 reimbursement for minor projects. Property or business owners must submit a complete application to the Planning Department to be placed on the next Planning & Zoning Board meeting agenda for consideration. Projects must be complete, inspected and have proof of all paid invoices by May 1, 2022 to receive reimbursement. For more information on the Façade Grant Program contact the Town of Burgaw Planning Department at (910) 663-3452 or email planning@burgawnc.gov.



Pender Early College named 2021 National Blue Ribbon School

Eight North Carolina public schools were named National Blue Ribbon Schools for 2021 by US Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. Pender Early College High School located right here in Burgaw was named one of them. The coveted National Blue Ribbon Schools award affirms the hard work of educators, families and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging and engaging content. Congratulations to Pender Early College High School!

To view the press release, visit <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/us-department-education-announces-2021-national-blue-ribbon-schools>.

Congratulations

Business SPOTLIGHT

WEEKLY FEATURE SPONSORED BY BURGAW TDA



WHAT: Personal care in home or facility provided by CNAs and in-home aides under the supervision of an RN.

WHERE: 205 S. Wright Street, Burgaw

HOURS: Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

PHONE: 910-859-1700

EMAIL: jane.dover2@yahoo.com

WEBSITE: www.mhahomecare.com

**Want your
business
featured?**

Each week, the Burgaw Tourism Development Authority (TDA) will select a registered business to be featured as TDA's Business Spotlight of the Week. Keep in mind that depending on the number of applicants, it may take time before your business is featured as Business spotlight of the Week. Provide all required details to register your business. Please only register your business once. Registration is only open to businesses inside the Burgaw corporate limits. Participants can register by visiting burgawnc.gov/spotlight.



Burgaw Fire Department's Engine 15 had the privilege of leading the Pender High School Homecoming Parade last Friday in downtown Burgaw. We must have been good luck as the Patriots defeated the Dixon Bulldogs 54 -0!



Did you know that recreation and parks are economic generators in your community? Recreation, sports, and fitness improve work performance through increased productivity, decreased absenteeism, decreased staff turnover, and reduced 'on the job' accidents.

Get involved today with the Town of Burgaw Parks, Recreation & Tourism Department by visiting burgawnc.gov/rec!



Autumn Caramel Treats



Directions

1. Combine cereal, candy corn, and peanuts in a large bowl; set aside. Combine caramels and milk in a microwave-safe bowl and microwave on high for 1 minute and 35 seconds. Stir, then microwave on high 40 seconds longer. Stir until smooth.
2. Pour caramel mixture over cereal mixture. Stir to coat evenly. Spoon into muffin pans lined with paper baking cups. When cool, wrap with plastic wrap.

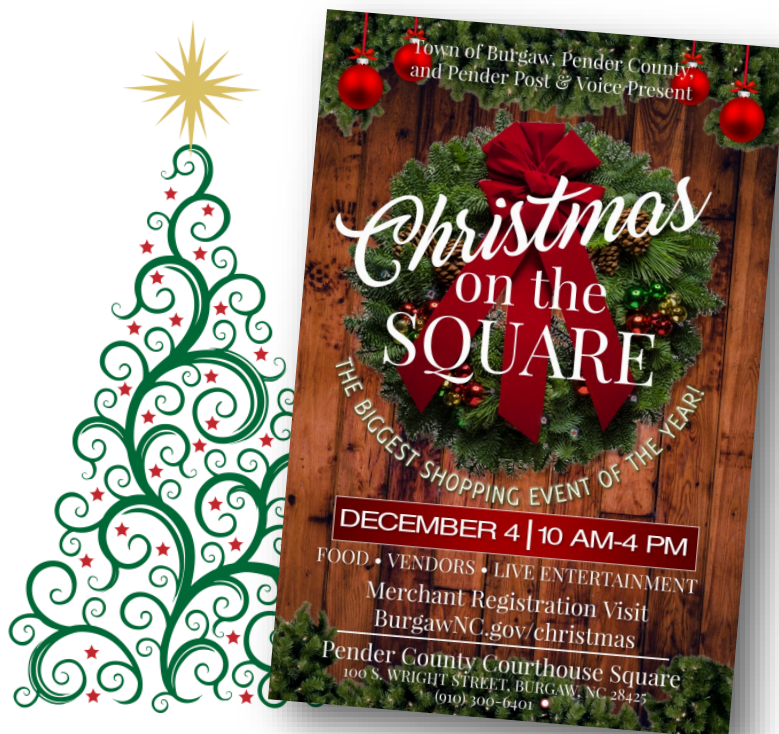
Christmas is just around the corner!

Seeking craft vendors for Christmas on the Square

Registration is now open for merchants who would like to participate in the Christmas on the Square event scheduled for December 4th from 10:00am-4:00pm. This event is only open to homemade craft vendors, no buy/resale items. Register using the link below. Fee is \$100.00 per vendor.

Register now!

<http://burgawnc.gov/christmas>



You Will Need

- 4 c. apple-cinnamon flavored cereal
- 1 c. candy corn
- 1 c. dry roasted peanuts
- 25 caramels
- 2 Tbsp. milk

Have a favorite recipe you would like to share with your community?

Send it in and we will feature a seasonal recipe in *Our Town!* Recipes can be sent to the Town Clerk at kwells@burgawnc.gov or drop off at Town Hall.

2021 Town of Burgaw Meeting Schedule

All meetings are held at the Historic Train Depot, located at 115 S. Dickerson Street, Burgaw, unless otherwise posted.

Meeting agendas can be found on the town's website at BurgawNC.gov.

Notices for cancelations and special called meetings will be posted on the town's website and weekly newsletter when necessary.

For questions or assistance, please contact the Town Clerk at 910-663-3441 or kwells@burgawnc.gov.

Board of Commissioners Meetings

Second Tuesday of every month | 4:30 PM
Public Forum/Public Hearings at 5:30 PM

Planning & Zoning Board Meetings

Third Thursday of every month | 5:30 PM

Burgaw Area Tourism Development Authority

First Thursday of every month | 8:30 AM

Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee

Second Monday of January, March, May, July, September, November | 5:30 PM

Police Advisory Board

Third Tuesday of February, May, August, November | 5:30 PM



Town Hall

109 N. Walker St.
Burgaw, NC 28425
910-259-2151
mail@burgawnc.gov
www.burgawnc.gov

Office Hours

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Monday-Friday

Utilities

663-3445

Parks & Town Events

300-6401

Human Resources

663-3444

Permitting & Inspections

663-3452

Public Works Department

259-2901

Police Department

Non-Emergency
259-4924

Fire Department

Non-Emergency
259-7494

Elected & Appointed Officials

Mayor

Kenneth T. Cowan

Mayor Pro Tem

Wilfred Robbins

Commissioners

Jan Dawson
James Murphy
Bill George
Vernon Harrell

Town Manager

James H. Gantt

Town Clerk

Kristin J. Wells

Town Attorney

Zachary Rivenbark

2021 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

EAST side of Railroad Right-of-way

July 14
July 28
August 11
August 25
September 8
September 22
October 6
October 20
November 3
November 17
December 1
December 15
December 29

WEST side of Railroad Right-of-way

July 7
July 21
August 4
August 18
September 1
September 15
September 29
October 13
October 27
November 10
November 24
December 8
December 22

"Railroad Right-of-way" is the Train Depot at 115 S. Dickerson Street

Stay IN THE KNOW

Sign up with "Notify Me" on our website to receive the weekly newsletter and other important information directly to your email and/or via text message!

Visit BurgawNC.gov to sign up today!

BURGAW, NC

T-Shirts & License Tags

Stop by today to purchase a Burgaw, NC t-shirt and a license tag for just \$10 each. Available for purchase Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm at Town Hall, 109 N. Walker Street.



Provided by the Burgaw Tourism Development Authority



Public Works Emergency Response Number

PHONE # 910-470-0457

This phone is only answered after hours, between 4:30 PM - 7:30 AM, and is for water and sewer **emergencies only**. Unless Public Works has been given prior Notice from Town Hall, Public Works **cannot turn your water on due to non-payment shut off**.